

THE COUNTY UNION.

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Latest From the War.

Yesterday afternoon the report was received that Sampson had met the Spanish fleet in the Windward Passage off the east end of Cuba and had completely destroyed it with the loss of only one vessel. Later reports failed to confirm this and to-day's papers state that no battle has been fought, but it was expected that a battle would be fought this week. Sampson and Schley are said to be on the southern coast of Cuba scouting for the Spanish fleet. The government gives out very little news now and facts are hard to obtain.

News from Manila is to the effect that Dewey is still maintaining the blockade and awaiting re-inforcements which, it is stated, will sail from San Francisco to-day.

Thirty six thousand volunteer troops are in camp at Chickamauga Park and it is expected there will be forty-four thousand by Saturday.

The invasion of Cuba is expected to commence in a few weeks if not days.

Soldiers' Train Wrecked.

The first regiment of N. C. troops left Raleigh Sunday morning on the Southern road for Tampa, Florida. They went in three trains running a few minutes apart. The trains were scheduled to make thirty-five miles an hour and went safely through all of them except the third section which had a collision with a freight train Monday morning about 5:45 o'clock ten miles south of Savannah, Ga., in which Private W. M. Barbee of Durham, a member of Company I, was killed, and Private J. M. Colclough of the same place and company was mortally wounded. This train carried the third battalion, Major George E. Butler, of Clinton, commanding. Several others were slightly hurt, most of them escaping by jumping off the cars, the engineer having seen the freight train coming in time to stop his train and give the alarm. The collision is said to be due to the carelessness of the freight train crew, the engineer and conductor taking to the woods to escape the wrath of the soldiers.

Barbee and Colclough were caught between two of the cars. A detail of seven privates and a corporal was made to escort the dead and wounded man to their homes and left Savannah Monday evening for Durham. Barbee was 26 years of age and was a native of Wake county where his father and mother and three sisters now reside. Colclough is also a native of Wake county but had lived for several years in Durham where he conducted a small grocery store. He is about forty years of age, is a widower and has two small children. He is said to be mortally injured and will probably die before he reaches Durham.

At Columbia, S. C., Col. Armfield commanding the regiment received orders to stop at Jacksonville and go into camp with his regiment. The boys, with the exception of this lamentable accident, arrived safely in Jacksonville Monday evening and struck camp, all sad over the loss of two of their comrades.

The long voyage of the Oregon is one of the most remarkable on record. She sailed from San Francisco around Cape Horn to Key West, a distance of over 13,000 miles and on her arrival her machinery was in perfect repair. On the first page of this issue will be seen a cut of this mighty man-of-war.

S. M. Geary, Plerson, Minn., writes:—"DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is curing more piles here to-day than all other remedies combined. It cures eczema and all other skin diseases." Hood & Grantham.

Buie's Creek Commencement.

Fully 3,000 People Witness the Exercises.

Buie's Creek is indeed the Empire of knowledge of Harnett county, located upon crested hills, and with the flag of learning floating over her magnificent buildings, she looks with gracious smiling eyes on verdant plains and luxuriant valleys, watered by limpid streams that flow in tranquil loveliness; where oak and pine bow to meet the gentle breeze. These attractions so richly added to by her hospitable homes, the courtliness of her dames, the chivalry of her men, and the beauty, freshness and innocence of her girls, all go to make it up as a place of contentment and happiness.

Notwithstanding the heat and dust full three thousand people witnessed the exercises there last Thursday, and not an expression from any one has been heard but what was in the highest words of praise. The whole from beginning to end was a success.

The commencement exercises began Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock with a welcome song by the school after which came the reciter's contest—recitations by the young ladies of the school, interspersed with music. A good large audience was present and the young ladies looked charming and delighted their hearers with splendid recitations admirably delivered. All deserve a medal but only one was given and the judges awarded it to Miss Mayme Byrd, of Poe's, who recited "Lady Maud's Oath."

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the large Tabernacle building was filled to its utmost capacity when the exercises began which consisted of speeches, declamations, dialogues, and music.

At 11 o'clock the contest for the orator's medal began, W. G. Hall, of Falcon, leading with "None live to themselves," followed in succession by W. H. Upchurch, of Morrisville, "North Carolina in the twentieth century;" W. A. Stancel, of Garner, "Carving a name;" M. W. Simons, of Wake Forest, "Self Mastery and statesmanship;" W. T. Hurst, of Ewing, "Character and the need of our times;" J. L. Woodall, of Benson, "North Carolina's Redeemer." Each of these young gentlemen acquitted himself with ease and eloquence and gave evidence of rare oratorical attainments. The judges awarded the gold medal to Mr. Simons.

After the oratorical contest was over D. H. McLean, Esq., of Dunn, in a few well chosen sentences and in his own happy style introduced Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, of Fayetteville, who delivered the annual address.

When Mr. Thomas announced his subject—"Postage Stamps," both pupils and audience were put to wondering what he could make of that subject, but before he had gone far with his discourse they could all see the trend of the application and for an hour he held his hearers almost spell-bound as he would rise to flights of eloquence in relating the uses and lessons applicable to life to be obtained by the study of the postage stamp. One illustration he made of it is not very much relished by the boys

Advice to Consumptives

There are three great remedies that every person with weak lungs, or with consumption itself, should understand. These remedies will cure about every case in its first stages; and many of those more advanced. It is only the most advanced that are hopeless. Even these are wonderfully relieved and life itself greatly prolonged.

What are these remedies? Fresh air, proper food and **Scott's Emulsion** of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. Be afraid of draughts but not of fresh air. Eat nutritious food and drink plenty of milk. Do not forget that Scott's Emulsion is the oldest, the most thoroughly tested and the highest endorsed of all remedies for weak throats, weak lungs and consumption in all its stages.

now-a-days, and that is that it would not stick until it was licked. The sticking quality was made with proper licking but if not enough or too much the effect was destroyed. He made an excellent illustration on this. In fact the whole address was gems of original thought admirably arranged and eloquently delivered.

After the address dinner was announced and the good housewives and dames of that community took great baskets of delicious viands and spread an elegant dinner to which they invited their friends and visitors and in all that large gathering of people were none not invited to partake of their hospitality.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the people gathered at the tabernacle again to witness a reunion of old students. Addresses were made by Prof. J. M. Page of Union Hill Academy, Mr. Lonnie Smith, of Bradley's Store, and W. A. Stewart, Esq., of Dunn. Miss Flora Long rendered a selection on the piano and Mrs. Eunice Betts Cavaenagh, of Benson, gave a recitation. After this came exercises by the school consisting of recitations, dialogues etc., until 5 o'clock when the school was marched out on the campus for the military drill which was one of the most pleasant exercises of the day.

Again at 8 o'clock the people met to witness the contest for the declaimer's medal which was contested for by eight young men, Mr. D. M. Hall, of Falcon, winning the prize. After this came more recitations, dialogues, awarding of medals etc., which lasted until after the midnight hour had struck. Thus closed one of the most successful sessions of the school, the enrollment reaching 257.

A gold pen was awarded to W. R. Royal for best penmanship. A gold medal to P. T. Beasley for the best map of North Carolina, and one to R. E. Lee for best drilled cadet in the military.

Diplomas were issued to the following graduates: Samuel McLamb, S. P. Williams, W. H. Upchurch, J. B. and W. J. Tugwell, C. A. Creech, John Bogus, N. G. Myatt, Jr., J. W. Akin, F. M. Brigers and Misses Hattie Peel, Dora Yarboro, and Flora Long.

A SURE THING FOR YOU.
A transaction in which you cannot lose a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascares Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are 14 all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. Sold by all druggists.

Third Congressional District Democratic Convention.

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic Convention of the Third Congressional District will be held in the town of Clinton, Sampson county, N. C., on Thursday, June 30th, 1898, at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress and for such other business as may come before the convention.

By order of the executive committee.
W. E. MURCHINSON,
Chairman.
JOHN UNDERWOOD, Secretary.
May 18, 1898.

The human machine starts but once and stops but once. You can keep it going longest and most regularly by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. Hood & Grantham.

First Corn Silk.
The first corn silk of the season we have seen was sent yesterday by Mr. Joel G. Layton, Jr., one of Sampson's hustling and prosperous young farmers.

Everybody Says So.
Cascars Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of Alexander Gregory, deceased, late of Harnett County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of May, 1899, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 21st day of May, 1898.

A. W. GREGORY,
Executor.
To CURE CONSTIPATION FOREVER.
Take Cascars Candy Cathartic, 10c. or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure druggists refund the money.

SAMPSON

Seems to be holding up his end of the string at Porto Rico, just destroying the fortifications and capturing the towns. Must have a little of the grit that Sampson of old possessed. He destroyed his thousands without a gun, and of course it was expected with all the late improved guns and battleships at the command of the Sampson of to-day, that he would clean up the Spanish fleet on the high seas and knock the forts into a cocked hat. While there are late improved guns there are also late improved Bicycles, and these bicycles are on sale at

GAINNEY & JORDAN'S

who have turned loose their big guns on the strong fortification of HIGH PRICES, and its walls are now crumbled and an up-to-date Bicycle can now be obtained at prices never before heard of. Repairing of all kinds neatly done and satisfaction guaranteed. Bicycle attachments a speciality.

JEWELRY—SOLID AND PLATED.

Our stock of Jewelry is always complete and prices low. WATCHES and CLOCKS, we have them at any price.

Watch and Clock repairing a speciality. Give us a call and we'll do the rest. Yours truly,

GAINNEY & JORDAN.

Dickinson Sparks.

[Caught over the Telephone.]
Splendid rains fell in this section Saturday and Monday nights.

Sheriff Pope came yesterday and took William Ryals, a small colored boy, off to Goldsboro to the insane asylum for the colored.

The Messrs. Judd, of Myatt's Mills, and Mr. Will Hood, of Smithfield, were the guests of Mr. N. G. Myatt, Jr., during commencement.

Mrs. Willis Byrd, of Linden, spent Thursday night with Mrs. Dr. McNeill.

Mr. W. S. Murchison, of Jonesboro, spent several days this week with "Clement Ansil."

Miss C. D. Pipkin, of Dunn, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dr. McNeill.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson and children returned to their home in Four Oaks Saturday after spending several days here and between the rivers visiting relatives. "CLEMMENT ANSIL," May 24th, '98.

S. E. Parker, Sharon, Wis., writes:—"I have tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for itching piles and it always stops them in two minutes. I consider DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve the greatest pile cure on the market." Hood & Grantham.

—If you can endorse the present administration of the State government as wise and economical then you can fuse with the Populist party. It asks you to do this before giving you the privilege of co-operating with it.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. Early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. Hood & Grantham.

SPAIN it is said is protesting to the powers against the lie the Spaniards have made that some American warship had entered a Cuban port flying the Spanish flag. She claims this a great injustice to her flag and such it would be if it were true, but we think that Dewey and Sampson have convinced her that the flag of the United States is all the protection they want.

One Minute Cough Cure is the best preparation I have ever sold or used and I can't say too much in its praise."
—L. M. Kemton, Merchant, Odell, Ga., Hood & Grantham.

Thomas Claran, of Youkers, N. Y., is the proud father of a triplet of boys which were recently presented him by his wife. They are bright chubby faced boys and are growing rapidly. Claran named them Dewey, Sampson, and McKinley.

EDUCATE YOUR BOWELS WITH CASCARES.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation or fever. 10c. 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggist refund money.

The Cuban question and political issues sink into insignificance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, is relief. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. Hood & Grantham.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*.

An Uncertain Disease.
There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter how severe, or under what circumstances dyspepsia attacks you, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it. Incurable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

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DUNN, N. C.

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Prescriptions compounded with care and accuracy. I thank all for past favors, and invite you to come and see me. I do a straight legal business.

Mr. A. L. Pearsall is with me and he invites all his friends to call and see him.

Yours to please for best goods and lowest prices,
N. B. HOOD.

THE WAR

WE HAVE BEEN MAKING AGAINST HIGH PRICES OF DRUGS, GARDEN SEED, BOOKS, STATIONERY and other Goods in our line continues as lively as ever.

We continue at the same stand ever ready to serve our customers promptly and politely.

Come to see us whether you buy anything or not. Plenty of chairs and daily papers. Headquarters for war news as well as drugs. Make yourself at home at our store.

HOOD & GRANTHAM,
D. H. HOOD. DUNN, N. C. G. K. GRANTHAM.

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A - Magnificent - Line.

We carry any quality you desire. Styles and fashion the latest. Assortment complete. Prices O. K. A selection from our Spring Styles makes your appearance faultless. We guarantee to please or money refunded.

A beautiful line of Shirts, both white and colored. Latest style Collars and Ties. They have just come in and a look at them is all we ask.

Shoes! Shoes!!

We've got 'em to burn. Black, and Tan, Gaiters, Bals, Ox-fords etc., etc., prices the lowest. Our ladies' Shoes are made to fit, of the best material. Very shapely and will stay so.

Dress Goods.

Our line of Spring and Summer Dress Goods is complete in every particular. All kinds of thin things such as Lawns, Organadies, Dotted Swiss, etc. We have also Black, White, and Blue Duck, Crush suitings, Linen goods of all kinds, guaranteed Irish Manufactured stiffening for collars. Any kind of linings, Trimmings, Laces and Ribbons, all colors. Can match most anything.

You just ought to see our Straw Hats for men and boys, latest styles and honest prices guaranteed. Also a nice lot of Children's Sailors.

We carry the nicest and largest selection of Umbrellas in Town, prices from 48c to \$2.50.

The largest line of Trunks, Valises, Satchels, travelling Bags, and gentlemen's Dressing Cases ever shown in Dunn is now on exhibition at our store, a look is all that is necessary.

We also have a few BUGGY WHIPS and LAP ROBES, which we are selling at about 1/2 cost. Very few left, call at once.

We are still selling Coats' Cotton at 4¢, knitting cotton at 15¢. Remember that we keep what you want. When you can't find the goods you need at any other store in town try Massengill's for they keep them constantly on hand, and will sell when urged.

Respectfully,
THE MASSENGILL DRY GOODS COMPANY.
P. T. MASSENGILL, Manager.

Financial Statement of the Town of Dunn.

FROM MAY 6th, 1897 TO MAY 4th, 1898.	
To Cash Paid for Street work,	\$ 161.43.
" " " " Police	305.49.
" " " " Extra Police	6.08
" " " " Night Watchman,	170.50.
" " " " Mayor's Salary,	60.00.
" " " " Commissioners,	48.00.
" " " " Prisoner's Board,	3.60.
" " " " Attorney,	10.00.
" " " " Tax List,	5.00.
" " " " Clerk of Board,	20.00.
" " " " Oil,	32.98.
" " " " Printing, Advertising &c.	22.95.
" " " " General Supplies	78.13.
" " " " Building Guard House and Fixtures,	17.20.
" " " " Registrar and Judges of Election,	6.50.
" " " " Commission on Collecting Town Taxes,	41.09.
" " " " Due by Mayor Godwin in settlement,	17.43.
" " " " Tax Collector Sneed,	39.96.
Total Disbursements,	\$ 1046.34.

RECEIPTS.	
Received Cash for town tax	\$ 821.91.
" " " " Fines,	38.15.
" " " " Special Tax Hall Rent and Barber Tax,	27.43.
Balance in Treas. 1897,	364.08.
Total Receipts,	\$ 1231.57.
Less Disbursements,	1046.24.
Actual Cash Balance,	\$ 205.23.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. L. WADDE, Clerk of Board.

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Other Wheels from \$25 up,
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